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## PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)

Sir:

The Office Action dated January 27, 2009 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired April 27, 2009.

Since the attached response is being filed within the first month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$130.00 (fee code 1251).

Respectfully submitted for Applicant(s),

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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.